

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 8, line 17 of the application and extending through page 9, line 6 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 4, front mounting block 62 is substantially the same in function as rear mounting block 60. Front mounting block 62 may have a closed end 73 at the end opposite open end 76 and this mounting block may be formed of aluminum in order to be compatible with an aluminum crossbar. A closed end facilitates attachment to the crossbar, but is not required. A closed end serves to limit the distance that the spring rods may be inserted into the mounting block. Rear mounting block 62 60 can be formed of steel and may have an open rear end 78. The ends 41 of seat stays 40 can be fitted and welded in the open end 78 of the mounting block. This provides a convenient and rigid mounting, while the ends of the seat stays limit the depth of insertion of the spring rods into the rear mounting block. A bolt 80 clamps the front ends of the rods in the front mounting block in the same manner as bolt 68 clamps the rear ends of the rods in mounting block 60. Desirably, the rods are mounted in the mounting blocks so that the rods extend about ~~one and one-half~~ one to one and one-eighth inches into each block and there is about one-eighth to one-quarter inch of exposed rod between the mounting blocks.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING FIGURES

Please substitute the enclosed drawings (FIGS. 1-30) for the drawings presently in the application.